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In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 30, 2006 for which a shortened statutory period for response expired on July 30, 2006, please accept the attached Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) extending the period for response one month to August 30, 2006 along with the requisite fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1), and amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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